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"(III) the size of other business concerns on the basis of data over a period of not less than 3 years; or
"(IV) other appropriate factors; and
"(iii) is approved by the Administrator."

**SEC. 302. PILOT PREFERRED SURETY BOND
GUARANTEE PROGRAM
EXTENSION.**

Section 207 of the Small Business Administration Reauthorization and Amendment Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 694h note) is amended by striking "September 30, 1994" and inserting "September 30, 1995".

**15 USC 644 note. SEC. 303. MANUFACTURING CONTRACTS
THROUGH MANUFACTURING
APPLICATION AND EDUCATION
CENTERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Small Business Administration shall promote the award of Federal manufacturing contracts to small business concerns that participate in manufacturing application and education centers by working with the Department of Commerce and other agencies to identify components and subsystems that are both critical and currently foreign-sourced.

(b) QUALIFICATIONS.—In order to qualify as a manufacturing application and education center under this section, an entity shall have the capacity to assist small business concerns in a shared-use production environment and to offer the following services:

- (1) Technology demonstration.
- (2) Technology education.
- (3) Technology application support.
- (4) Technology advancement support.
- (5) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN

REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements of section 15(o)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act shall not apply with respect to any manufacturing contract carried out by a small business concern in conjunction with a manufacturing application and education center under this section.

(6) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall promulgate final regulations to carry out this section.

(7) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Small Business Administration under this section shall terminate on

September 30, 1997.

(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Small Business Administration such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

15 USC 644 note. SEC. 304. PILOT PROGRAM FOR VERY SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall establish and carry out a pilot program in accordance with the requirements of this section to provide improved access to Federal contract opportunities for very small business concerns.

(9) (b) PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS.—
IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Administrator shall identify procurement contracts of Federal agencies for award under the program.

(10) CONTRACT AWARDS.—Under the program established pursuant to this section, the award of a procurement contract of a Federal agency identified by the Administration pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be made by the agency to an eligible